villages are as under:—

Name of District	Total No. of un-electrified villages
(i) Chingleput . . .	1
(ii) North Arcot . . .	2
(iii) Tirunelveli . . .	2
(iv) Kanyakumari . . .	4
(v) Salem	7

(b) and (c) TNEB has reported electrification of 2 villages during 1990-91 while no village has been electrified during 1991-92.

Karbi-Longpi Power Project in Assam

900. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Karbi-Longpi Hydro Power Project in Assam has not made further progress and its construction work has been stopped;

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof; and

(c) if not, by when it will be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) The Karbi Longpi Hydro-electric Project (2×50 MW) being executed by the Assam State Electricity Board was originally scheduled for completion in 1985-86. An expenditure of Rs. 107.52 crores has been incurred upto March, 1991. The execution of the project has been slow principally on account of poor performance of the contractor on the construction of the main dam.

(c) The Project is expected to be completed in 1994-95.

Commissioning of Amguri Power Projects

901. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stage of the Amguri Power Project at present;

(b) by when the work on it would start;

(c) what is the total KW power this project will generate; and

(d) what is the proposed date of commissioning of this project

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) The scheme for installation of a gas-based combined cycle power plant at Amguri (7×30 MW GT +4× 30 MW ST) was sanctioned by the Planning Commission in August, 1991 at an estimated cost of Rs. 408.25 Crores. The land for the project has already been acquired and the levelling work at site is in progress. On completion, the installed capacity of the project would be 360 MW. The commissioning scheduled of the project cannot be anticipated as the orders for the main plant and equipment have not been placed so far.

Financial assistance from World Bank for Subarnarekha Project

902. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Subarnarekha project was started with financial assistance from the World Bank;

(b) if so, what is the amount World Bank has spent for this project so far, and

(c) by when it would be completed?

THE MINISTEH OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Power Supply to the State of Bihar

903. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES he pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that installetd capacity by NTPC in the State of Bihar is very less than in other States and regions as a result of which the cost of supply of power to Bihar from the Central sector is more than other States;

(b) if so, what are details thereof and also the reasons for less installed capacity in the State;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the loss during transmission is not taken into account for fixing rate for power supply to the State of Bihar;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therfeor and

(e) what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The cost of supply of power from a Central Sector Station is the same for all the beneficiary States in the Region. NTPC is constructing a 4×210 MW Thermal Power Plant at Kahalgoan in Bihar, NTPC have also submitted a proposal for sttting up of a 2X250 MW thermal power plant at North Karanpura.

(c) to (e) NTPC tariff is based on energy supplied at the NTPC Generating Station Bus Bars. Transmission losses are taken into account in the Regional Energy Accounts issued by Eastern Regional Electricity Board each month, which provide a full account for the energy sent out at the NTPC Generating Station Bus Bars.

Proposal for Setting up National Power Grid by N.P.T.C.

904. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES he pleased to state:

(a) what measures have been taken by NPTC to ensure optimum power utilisation and to minimise cost;

(b) whether NPTC has proposed development of a national power grid; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) NPTC is giving prime importance for construction of missing inter and intra-regional links, implementation of unified load despatch and communication system and system improvement schemes. With the installation of inter and intra-retgional links, power would be transmitted from the surplus region to the deficit regions, thus ensuring optimum utilisation of the available resources.

The National Power Grid is in the process of development with the continued augmentation of Extra High Voltage lines in the Central Sector and creation/ strengthening of the Inter-State and Inter-Regional transmission Links, and the load despatch facilities.

Number of bio-gas plants provided in District Faizabad-Ayodhya, U.P.

905. KUMARI ALIA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of biogas plants provided with Central assistance in District Faizabad-Ayodhya in U.P. during the year 1991-92; and

(b) what is the target for the year 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NAN-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) A target of setting up of 165 family type biogas plants in the district of Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh, for the year